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# USING PHENOXY HERBICIDES EFFECTIVELY



## COMMON AND CHEMICAL NAMES OF PHENOXY HERBICIDES

Common name	Chemical name
2,4-D	2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid
2,4,5-T	2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid
Silvex	2-(2,4,5-trichlorophenoxy)propionic
	acid
MCPA	2-methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid
2,4-DB	4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy) butyric acid

The Federal registration for the use of 2,4,5–T around the home, near lakes, ponds, on ditchbanks and on food crops has been canceled. The use of 2,4,5–T for weed control in rice is under appeal. The inclusion of 2,4,5–T or any other herbicide in this publication does not suggest uses other than those covered by Federal registrations.

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2.4-D, 2.4.5-T, MCPA, Silvex, 2,4-DB

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Phenoxy herbicides—chiefly 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T, silvex, MCPA, and 2,4-DB—are used widely. They are used for controlling weeds in many crops, on grazing lands, on lawns, and for killing unwanted brush and trees. These herbicides are especially useful because—

- They are selective; they kill most broadleaf plants but do not kill grasses or grain crops.
- They are potent; many species of weeds are controlled by less than 1 pound of active ingredient per acre.
- They are easy to use.
- They are not poisonous to man, domestic animals, or game when applied at the recommended rates.
- They do not accumulate in the soil and they have no harmful effects on soil organisms.
- They are not corrosive to spraying equipment.

# **HOW PLANTS REACT**

When sprayed with phenoxy herbicides, leaves, green stems, twigs, flowers, and fruits usually absorb the herbicides. Roots absorb herbicides sprayed on the soil.

When they are applied to growing plants or to the soil, herbicides rapidly become distributed in the leaves, stems, and roots and cause susceptible plants to die.

These herbicides are absorbed most readily by plants that are growing rapidly. Annual weeds are easiest to kill when they are young. Perennial weeds are easy to kill while they are seedlings; after they are established, most perennials are easiest to kill at the time flower buds appear.

Some broadleaf weeds are killed by very small amounts of phenoxy herbicides. Some are almost unaffected by very large amounts.

The chart on pages 12 to 24 lists the susceptibility of many common weeds and woody plants to control by 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T,1 MCPA, silvex, and 2,4-DB.

# SALTS AND ESTERS

Phenoxy herbicides are usually formulated as acids, salts, and esters. Salt and ester formulations usually are supplied as liquid concentrates. The purchaser mixes them before use. The salt concentrates form solutions when mixed with water. The ester concentrates form solutions when mixed with oil; they form milky-white

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See limitation on use of 2,4,5-T on page 2.

emulsions when mixed with water.

Heat causes ester formulations to release vapors. At temperatures below 90° F., low-volatile esters are much less volatile than high-volatile esters, and are less likely to damage susceptible crops. Vapors from either low- or high-volatile esters are about equally phytotoxic at temperatures above 90° F.

Vapors from ester formulations can kill susceptible plants growing near the area to which the formulations are applied. Low-volatile esters are safer—that is, less likely to harm susceptible crops by toxic vapors—than high-volatile esters. Salt formulations are safest—they do not release enough vapors to cause damage.

High-volatile esters are less expensive than low-volatile esters and they can be used effectively and safely if no susceptible crops are growing nearby.

Ester formulations of the phenoxy herbicides are generally more potent, pound for pound, than salts. They penetrate leaves and other plant surfaces more readily than salts. When a range of rates is recommended for herbicide application, use the lower rate for esters and the higher rate for salts.

Esters are more effective than salts for killing weeds that are growing slowly because of drought or cold weather. Esters usually are best for treating weeds in areas of low humidity; esters are formulated in oils and remain in moist contact on foliage longer and penetrate better than salts, which are mixed with water. And, because



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Weeds in this field of small grain (treated part at right) were controlled with 2,4-D.

The herbicide costs about 25 cents per acre.

they are oily, esters are less likely than salts to be washed off foliage if rain falls soon after their application.

## "ACID EQUIVALENT"

Phenoxy herbicide concentrates are available in various strengths. The amount of active ingredient in the concentrate is indicated on the container label as the number of pounds of "acid equivalent" in each gallon of concentrate.

Usually the strongest concentrates are the most economical to use; they usually cost less per pound of acid equivalent than weaker concentrates. For example, 1 gallon of a 2,4-D concentrate containing 4 pounds of acid equivalent per gallon usually will cost less than 4 gallons of concentrate containing 1 pound of acid equivalent per gallon, and it contains the same amount of active ingredient.

# **APPLICATION**

# General Principles

If herbicides are applied carefully they can save you money and labor. If they are applied carelessly, they can kill your crops.

Some crops and ornamental plants are extremely sensitive to phenoxy herbicides; they are severely injured or killed by small traces of the herbicides, such as spray drift or vapors.

The most sensitive of the crops and ornamental plants include cotton, grapes, tomatoes, cucumbers, tobacco, mimosa, roses, and dogwood. For more information about sensitivity of your crops to phenoxy herbicides, ask your county agricultural agent.

When using phenoxy herbicides near sensitive plants, observe all precautions regarding vapors, spray drift, and cleanliness of equipment.

For safe and effective control of weeds—

- Get professional advice before applying herbicides; ask your county agricultural agent, your State extension weed specialist, or other local agricultural authorities for weed-control recommendations.
- Use herbicides wisely: Follow label precautions. Do not apply herbicides for any use for which they are not registered.
- Avoid spraying on windy days.

## Types of Phenoxy Herbicides Commonly Available

#### SALTS, such as:

Amine (triethanolamine, diethanolamine, trimethylamine, diethylamine, and isopropanolamine.

Sodium Potassium Ammonium

#### **ESTERS**

High-Volatile, such as:

Methyl Ethyl Isopropyl Butyl Amyl

#### Low-Volatile, such as:

Butoxyethanol Butoxyethoxypropanol Ethoxyethoxypropanol Isooctyl Propylene glycol butyl ether

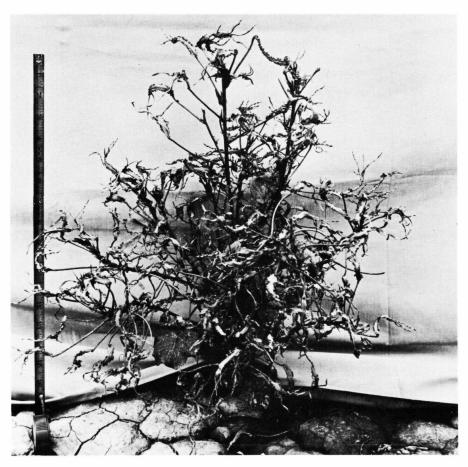
- Do not apply ester formulations when the temperature is above 90°.
- Check output of your sprayer frequently to prevent over application of herbicides.
- Avoid sprayer skips or overlapping swaths.
- Clean spray equipment immediately after use.
- Before using spray equipment for applying insecticides or fungicides to crops, test it for injurious traces of herbicides.

#### Methods

#### Cropland

You can apply herbicides on cropland as preemergence sprays (after the crop is planted but before it or the weeds come up) or as postemergence sprays (after the crop and weeds come up).

Most modern spray equipment is designed for low-volume application—from about 5 to about 20 gallons of spray per acre. With the



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Cotton is extremely susceptible to phenoxy herbicides. This plant was killed when it was accidentally sprayed with 2,4-D.

proper attachments, low-volume equipment can be used for broadcast spraying, band treatments, or directed spraying.

Apply a broadcast spray if the crop plants are not sensitive to the herbicide.

For broadcast application, the spray rig is equipped with a multiple-nozzle boom or a single boomless nozzle.

Apply a directed spray if the crop plants are somewhat sensitive to the herbicide

For directed application, the rig is equipped with a boom and drop nozzles, which are adjusted to spray the weeds but no more than the bases of the crop plants.

Airplanes often are used for spraying nonrow crops, such as small grains and rice.

#### Noncropland

Use a ground sprayer with boom to apply low-volume broadcast spray for the control of weeds, brush, and trees on grazing land and along irrigation canals.

Airplanes often are used for applying low-volume broadcast sprays to noncropland areas that are too large, too rough, or have too many obstructions for ground equipment.

Apply high-volume directed spray to kill brush and trees along roads, utility lines, and fencerows, and aquatic weeds and brush along irrigation and drainage canals.

Equipment for high-volume spraying usually has a large-capacity spray tank (over 100 gallons per acre of spray may be used) and operates at relatively

high pressure (about 60 to 100 pounds per square inch). The rig usually is equipped with a spray hose and adjustable nozzle. The spray often is applied as a drench that thoroughly wets the leaves and stems of the plants that are to be killed.

Apply sprays of ester formulations in diesel oil or kerosene to the bark at the base of small trees or to cuts in the bark at the base of large trees.

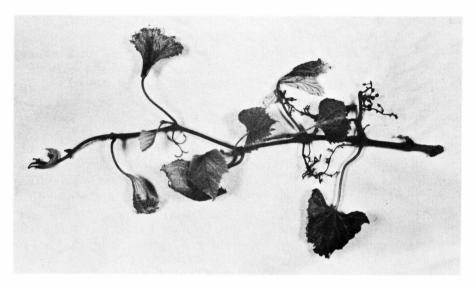
Phenoxy ester formulations with oil as a carrier can be absorbed by the bark at the base of trees with trunk diameters up to about 4

# Spray Drift

Wind-carried droplets of phenoxy herbicides may kill susceptible crops near the area that is being treated.

To reduce the danger of damaging crops with spray drift—

- Use nozzles that apply a coarse spray.
- Use low pressures—no more than 35 pounds per square inch for boom sprayers, 100 pounds for spray guns.
- Avoid spraying on windy days; do not spray with ground equipment or from airplanes when the wind velocity is sufficient to cause drift to sensitive crops.
- Spray when wind is blowing away from susceptible crops and toward the area being sprayed.
- Where special drift hazards exist, use one of the special drift-control agents or formulations in properly designed and adjusted equipment. Get professional advice before using these.



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Spray drift from a nearby application of phenoxy herbicide severely injured this Concord grape vine.

inches. The spray usually is applied with a small hand-operated sprayer and the lower 6 to 12 inches of bark on the trunk is thoroughly wetted with the solution.

The bark of many trees that are over 4 inches in diameter is too thick for the spray to penetrate. To kill these larger trees, it is necessary to ring the base of the tree with ax cuts and spray the ester solution into the cuts. The ax cuts must go through the bark and into the sapwood.

# TESTING OUTPUT OF SPRAYER

Before mixing or applying herbicides on cropland, check the output of your spray equipment. If you apply too little herbicide, it is ineffective. If you apply too much, it may kill your crops.

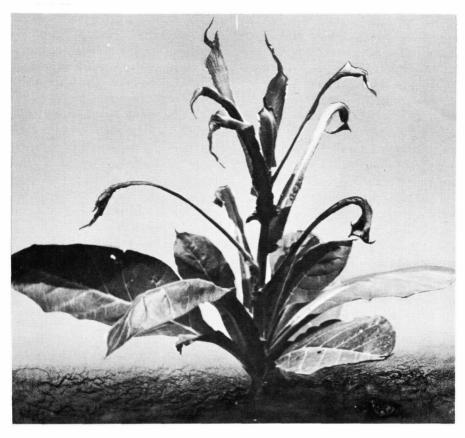
In the test, the tractor speed and the pump pressure should be the same as they will be when you apply herbicide. If your tractor is not equipped with a speedometer, it is a good idea to make the test on the same type of terrain that you plan to spray and to mark the throttle setting that you use.

To test the output—

- Fill the spray tank with water.
- Spray a strip exactly 220 yards long.
- At the end of 220 yards, stop spraying and measure, in quarts, the amount of water needed to refill the spray tank.

To determine the spray output in gallons per acre, multiply the number of quarts by 16.5 and divide the answer by the width, in feet, of the spray strip.

Example: Your spray rig treats a strip 20 feet wide. At operating



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The equipment used to apply insecticide to this tobacco plant had been used previously for applying phenoxy herbicide. The tobacco was injured by herbicide traces that remained in the sprayer.

speed and pressure, the rig uses 6 quarts of water in 220 yards:  $6 \times 16.5 = 99$ .

 $99 \div 20 = 4.95$ , or about 5 gallons of spray per acre.

The output of the sprayer is for the area treated. If your sprayer is adjusted to apply spray in bands to row crops, calculate the total width of the spray pattern. To do this, multiply the number of nozzles by the width that each nozzle treats.

If you are using 6 drop nozzles and each treats a 20-inch width, then the total width of the spray

pattern is 10 feet, regardless of the nozzle spacing.

Output of the spray equipment may change because of enlarged nozzle orifices or worn parts in the pump. Check the output periodically to prevent application at the wrong rate.

After you know the output of your sprayer, you can mix the spray accurately. To calculate the total amount of spray needed, multiply the area to be sprayed, in acres, by the output per acre. Add the recommended amount of acid equivalent—in the form of herbicide

concentrate—to enough carrier (water or oil) to equal the total amount of spray needed.

For example: The calculated output is 5 gallons per acre and you plan to spray 10 acres at a recommended rate of 1 pound of acid equivalent per acre. Therefore you will need a total of 50 gallons of spray containing 10 pounds of acid equivalent.

The herbicide concentrate contains 4 pounds of acid equivalent per gallon. Add 2½ gallons of concentrate (10 pounds total acid equivalent) to 47½ gallons of water.

# CLEANING SPRAY

Clean your spray equipment immediately after using it for applying herbicides.

Some crops can be damaged or killed by traces of phenoxy herbi-

cides that are left in the sprayer after cleaning. Before applying fungicides or insecticides to crops with equipment that has been used for herbicides, test the equipment for herbicide traces.

Fill the tank with water and spray a few of the crop plants. Sensitive plants such as tomato, cotton, and tobacco are good test plants. Wait a day or two after spraying. If the crop plants show no distorted growth after this period, the equipment can be used safely for spraying the crop. If the plants are distorted, then clean the spray equipment again. Retest the equipment for cleanliness before using it on crops.

For greatest safety with sensitive crops, apply fungicides or insecticides with equipment that has not been used for applying herbicides.

You can clean spray equipment quickly with a suspension of acti-



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The right half of this field was sprayed with 2,4-D before the corn or weeds emerged.

The left half of the field was not treated.

#### **PRECAUTIONS**

Phenoxy herbicides are safe when stored, handled, mixed, and used in accordance with label instructions and sound agricultural practices. Most herbicides are low in toxicity. However, some can cause injury to man, many domestic animals, and fish and wildlife if improperly used.

Most herbicides are toxic to many crop plants and ornamentals. Many are volatile and their vapors and spray drift will cause damage to desirable plants. Avoid spraying when windy conditions exist.

Keep herbicides away from children, livestock, and pets. Store herbicides in closed, well-labeled containers in a dry place where they cannot contaminate food, feed, or water.

When handling herbicides wear clean, dry clothing. Launder clothing after each spraying operation before wearing again.

Do not inhale herbicides and avoid contact with spray mist and drift. Avoid repeated or prolonged contact of herbicide with your skin. Avoid spilling it on any part of your body—especially your eyes, nose, and mouth. If you spill it on your body, wash it off with soap and water and remove contaminated clothing.

To protect fish, wildlife, and livestock, do not clean spraying equipment or dump excess spray material near lakes, streams, or ponds.

Empty herbicide containers may be hazardous. Dispose of them in accordance with label instructions and the recommendations of your State Extension weed science specialist or other local agricultural authorities. Do not burn herbicide containers.

vated charcoal in water. Use at least one-third of a tank of water. For each 10 gallons of water add ¼ pound of activated charcoal and ¼ to ¼ pound of laundry detergent. Agitate this mixture vigorously to distribute the charcoal through the water.

Wash the equipment for 2 minutes by swirling the liquid around in the tank so that it reaches all parts of the tank. Pump some of the liquid through the hose and nozzles. Then drain the tank and rinse the equipment with clean water.

#### SUSCEPTIBILITY CHART

The chart that follows lists the effects of phenoxy herbicides when applied as foliage sprays on a num-

ber of common weeds. Rate of application for 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T, MCPA, or silvex is 1 pound per, acre; rate of application for 2,4-DB is 2 pounds per acre.

The control ratings for the herbicides are interpreted as follows:

Excellent.—One application at rate kills the weed.

Good.—Several applications at rate needed to kill the weed.

Fair.—Repeated applications at rate or application at higher rates needed to kill the weed.

Poor.—Weed kill is erratic, even at high rates of application.

None.—No visible effect.

<sup>1</sup> See limitation on use of 2,4,5-T on page 2.

Susceptibility of common weeds to control by 2,4-D, MCPA, 2,4,5-T, silvex, and 2,4-DB

				Control 1		
Plant name	Type of plant	2,4-D	MCPA	$2,4,5-\mathrm{T}^2$	Silvex	2,4-DB
Alder (Alnus spp.). Alligatorweed (Alternanthera philoxeroides) Alyssum, hoary (Berteroa incana)	Woody Perennial	Good Poor Fair	Good None Fair	Excellent Fair Excellent	Excellent Fair	Poor.
Amarandu: Green (Amaranthus hybridus) Palmer (A. palmeri) See also Pigweed. Arrowgrass, seaside (Triglochin maritima)	Annual do Perennial	Excellentdo	Excellent	do do	Excellent	Excellent.
whead: Annual (Sagitto Perennial (S. lo Fraxinus spp.)	Annual Perennial	Excellent Fair	Excellent Fair	Excellent Poor	Excellent Poor	Do. None.
Many-flowered (Aster ericoides)  Western (A. occidentalis)  White heath (A. pilosus)  Woody (Xylorhiza parryt)  Baccharis, coyote brush (Baccharis salicina)  Balleya, desert (Baileya multiradata)  Bassia, five-hook (Bassia hyssopifolia)	Perennialdodo Woody	Good	None	Poor Fair Poor Good	Fair Poor	Do.
Cornflower: Batchelor's button (Centaurea cyanus) Bedstraw: Cleavers (Gallium aparine) Smooth (G. mollugo) Beeplant, Rocky Mountain (Cleome serrulata). Beggartick, devils (Bidens frondosa)	do Perennial Annualdo	Excellent Poor None Fair Excellent	Nonedo Excellent	PoordoBxcellent	Good.	Do.
Bindweed: Field (Convolvulus arvensis) Field (Convolvulus arvensis) Biscuitroot (Londtium leptocarpum) Bistort, American (Polygonum bistortoides) Blackberry (Rubus spp.)	do do Woody	Fair Good Fair Fair None	Fair Good Sood None	Fair Good -do Fair	Fair	Fair. None. Do.

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Good	Poor	Fair-Good	Fair
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Blackeyed susan (Rudbeckia serotina)Bloodweed (Ambrosta aptera)Blueweed, Texas (Helianthus ciliaris)Bouncingbet (Saponaria officinalis)Boxelder (Acer negundo)Bracken (Pteridium aquilinum)loides).	Broom, Scotch (Cytisus scoparius)  Buckeye, California (Aesculus californica)  Buckwheat:  Wild (F. convolvulus)  Wild (F. convolvulus)  Buffalobur (Solanum rostratum)  Burnsh (Scirpus spp.)  Burn-head (Echinodorus cordifolius)  Buckbrush (Symphoricarpos orbiculatus)  Western (S. occidentalis)  Bullnettle (Cnidoscolus stimulosus)  Butternur	Celery leaf (Ranunculus sceleratus)	Canoalas (Typha latifolia)  Narrowleaf (T. angustifolia)  Narrowleaf (T. angustifolia)  Ceanothus (Ceanothus spp.)  Wedgeleaf (C. cuneatus)  Chamise (Adenostoma fasciculatum)  Chickweed:  Common (Stellaria media)  Field (Cerastium arrense)  Mouseear (C. vulgatum)  See footnotes at end of table.

Susceptibility of common weeds to control by 2,4-D, MCPA, 2,4,5-T, silver, and 2,4-DB—Continued

Plant name	Type of plant			Control 1		
		2,4D	MCPA	$2,4,5-\mathrm{T}$ <sup>2</sup>	Silvex	2,4-DB
Chicory (Cichorium intybus)Chockeherry (Prunus vrginiana)	Perennial	Good	Good	GoodFair	Good	Fair. None.
Cinquefoil: Blueleaf (Potentilla diversifolia) Common (P. canadensis) Rough (P. norvegica)	Perennial do	Fair Good Excellent	Fair	op	Fair	Do.
Cockle: Cockle: White (Lychnis alba) Cocklebur, common (Xanthium pensylvani-	Annual 3 Perennial	Poor do Excellent	Poor None Fair	None do	None	None. Do. Good.
cum). Coffeeweed (Daubentonia texana)	Woody Perennial Annual 3	Good	Excellent	Fair Excellent Fair	Good Excellent Fair	Fair.
Croton: Lindheimer (Croton lindheimeri) Texas (C. texensis) Wolly (C. capitatus)	Annualdo	Excellentdo	Excellent	Good Excellent	Good Excellent	Good. Excellent.
Cudweed (Graphalium pregrinum)  Daisy, oxeye (Chrysanthemum leucanthemum)  Dandelion (Taraxacum officinale)  Deadnettle, red (Lamium purpureum)  Deathcamas (Zigadenus gramneus)  Foothill (Z. paniculatus)  Derweed (Lotus scoparius)  Derweed (Probosciden Joussianica)	Annual Perennial do do Annual Perennial Oddo Annual	None Fair Excellent Poor Fair Good Excellent	Fair Excellent Poor	Good Excellent Poor Fair Excellent	FairExcellent	None. Good. Poor.

Dock: Broadleaf (Rumex obtusifolius) Curly (R. crispus) Fiddle (R. pulcher) Pale (R. altissimus) Veiny (R. venosus)	Perennialdo	Good Excellent Good Fair	FairGood	Good Good	Good	Fair. Fair. Poor.
Dodder: Largeseed (Cuscuta indecora) Smallseed alfalfa (C. pentagona)	Annualdo	Poor	None	None	None	None. Do.
Duckweed, common (Lemna minor)Elm (Ulmus spp.)	Woody.	do	None	Fair	None Fair	Do.
Evening princese, common (Cenonera venues). Falseflax, smallseeded (Camelina microcarpa). Femel, dog (Eupadorum capillifolum) Fiddleneck, coast (Amsinckia intermedia) Filaree, redstem (Erodium cicularium)	Annual	Good	Fair	Excellent Good	Excellent	Do. Do. Poor.
Fireweed (Epitootum angustijotum)Fleabane: Annual (Erigeron annuus)	Annual	Fair	Fair	op	op	Excellent.
Pregon (E. speciosus)  Rough (E. strigosus)	Annual 3	Good	Fair	Excellent	Excellent	Good.
Franseria:  Bur (Franseria discolor)	Perennial Annual Perennial	FairGoodFair	Poor Excellent	Poor Excellent	Poor Excellent	Poor. Do.
Geranium, Carolina (Geranium carolinianum) Goatsrue (Galega offinalis)	Annual 3 Perennial Woody	Good Fair do	Excellent	Good	Good	Excellent.
	Annualdodo	FairExcellentFairPoor	Excellent	ExcellentdoFair	Fair Poor	Do. Do. None.
Goutweed, Bishops (Aegopodium podagraria) Grapehyacinth (Muscari botryoides) Greenbrier (Sanilax bona-nax) Common (S. rotundifolia) Gromwell (Lithospermum officinale)	do Woody do	Nonedodo	Poor	Poor.	Poor.	

Susceptibility of common weeds to control by 2,4-D, MCPA, 2,4,5-T, silvex, and 2,4-DB—Continued	control by 2,4	-D, MCPA,	2,4,5-T, sive	ex, and 2,4-I	OB-Contin	ned
Direct				Control 1		
Flanc name	Type of prainc	2,4D	MCPA	2,4,5-T <sup>2</sup>	Silvex	2,4-DB
Groundcherry: Clammy (Physalis heterophylla) Purple flower (P. lobata) Smooth (P. subglabrata)	Woody	None	None	Fair	Fair	None Do.
Wrights (F. wrights)Ground-ivy (Glechoma hederacea)Groundseli	Annual	Excellent Fair	Poor	Excellent Fair	Excellent Good	
Arrowleaf (Senecio triangularis)Common (S. vulgaris)Cressleaf (S. qlabellus)	Annual	Poor Excellent	Poor Excellent	NoneExcellent	None	Do. Good.
Riddell (S. riddellit)Threadleaf (S. longilobus)	Perennialdo-	do Fair				
Gum: Sweet (Liquidambar styraciflua)T Tupelo or black (Nyssa sylvatica)	Woody	Poor		Good	Fair	
<i>Grindelia</i> ( <i>Halogeto</i> d, smooth	PerennialAnnual	Excellent Fair Poor	Poordo	Poor	Poor	None. Poor.
Hawkweed: Orange (Hieracium aurantiacum) Vollow (H anatoms)	Perennial	Fair	op	Poor	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
Hawthorn (Cratagus spp.)Healall (Prunella vulgaris)	Woody	None	None	Fair	Poor	None. Do.
Hemlock, poison (Conium maculatum) Hemp (Cannabis sativa)	Biennial Annual	op	Excellent	Fair	Excellent	Excellent. Good.
Henbit (Lamium amplexicaule)  Hickory (Carya spp.)	Woody	do	Fair	Fair	Good	Poor. None.
Hogocation (Amphacarpa oraceaud) Hogocato (Hoffmanseggia densifora) Honey locust (Gleditsta trucanthos) Honeysuckle (Lonicera japonica)	Woody	None Poor	None	None Fair	None	Do.
Horsebrush, littleleaf (Tetradymia glabrata)	op	Poor	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Poor	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	

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Horsenettle, Carolina (Solanum carolinense) Horsetail, field (Equisetum arvense)	Indian-hemp (Apocynum cannabinum). Indian-tobacco (Lobelta inflata). Iris, Rocky Mountain (Iris missouriensis) Ironweed, Western (Vernonia baldwin) Ivy, English (Hedera heltx)	Jewelweed (Imputers) purion Jimmyweed (Haplopappus pluriforus)	Jumper: Alligator (Juniperus deppeana) One-seed (J. monosperma) Utah (J. osteosperma)	Brown (Centaurea jacea) Diffuse (C. diffusa) Russian (C. repens) Spotted (C. mardiosa)	Knawel (Scleranthus annuus)	Anowwed. Japanese (Polygonum Cuspidatum) Prostrate (P. aviculare)Sakhalin (P. sachaltinense)	Silversheath (P. argyrocoleon) Kudzu (Pueraria lobata) Lambsquarters, common (Chenopodium album).	Little (Delphinium bicolor)  Menzies (D. menziesii)  Tall (D. barbeyii)  Duncecap (D. occidentale)	Blue (Lactuca pulchella)

Susceptibility of common weeds to control by 2,4-D, MCPA, 2,4,5-T, silver, and 2,4-DB—Continued

Plant name	Type of plant			Control 1		
		2,4-D	MCPA	2,4,5-T <sup>2</sup>	Silvex	2,4-DB
Loco, bigbend (Astragalus earlet) Locoweed, white (Oxytropis lambertii) Locust, black (Robinia pseudo-acacia) London-rocket, annual (Ssymbrum irio) London-rocket, perennial (Franseria confertifora). Lupine (Lupinus rivularis) Silvery (L. caudatus) Madrone (Arbutus menziesti) Mallow: Common (Malva neglecta)	Annual 3 Perennial Woody Perennial Woody Perennial Woody Annual 3 Annual 3	Excellent Fair Excellent None Excellent Fair Good Poor	Excellent—None—None—None—None—None—None—None—None	Fair Godenter Excellenter None Excellenter Fair	Fair Good Excellent None Excellent	Excellent. None. Excellent.
Little (M. parvidora)  Little (M. parvidora)  Venice (Hibiscus trionum)  Manzanita (Arctostaphylos spp.)  Maples (Acer spp.)  Marshelder (Iva xanthifolia)  Mayweed, dogfennel (Anthemis cotula)	Annual Woody Annual  Woddy Annual	rairdododo Gooddo PoorExcellent Fairdodo	None- Excellent- Poor- None- Good- Poor- Fair-	Excellent- Fair do Good Fair	Fair. Good. Excellent Poor.	Poor. None. Excellent. None. Poor.
Mesquite: Honey (Prosopis juliflora var. glandulosa). Velvet (P. juliflora var. velutina). Wexicantea (Chenopodium ambrosicides) Mexican weed (Caperonia castaneaefolia) Milkweed (Asclepias curassanca) Broadleaf (A. tatifolia) Common (A. syriaca) Showy (A. speciosa) Eastern whorled (A. verticillata) Mimosa, catclaw (Mimosa biuncifera)	Woodydo	Poor	None Excellent Fair None do	Good Excellent Good Excellent Good Excellent Poor do	Fair -do- Good -do- Fair Good	Fair. None. Excellent. None. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.

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Morningglory:  Common (Ipomoea purpurea)  Ivyleaf (I. hederacea)  Woolly (I. hirsutula)  Mountain Mahogany (Cercocarpus montanus)  Mudplantain (Heteranthera limosa)  Mulberry (Morus spp.)	Mullein: Common (Verbascum thapsus) Moth (V. blattaria)	Mustard: Black (Brassica nigra) Black (Chorispora tenella) Harescar (Conringia orientalis) Hedge (Sisymbrium officinale) Indian (Brassica juncca) Villa (Brassica kaber) Wild (Brassica kaber)	Nettle: Stinging (Urtica dioica) Tall (U. procera) Niggerhead (Rudbeckia occidentalis) Nightshade: Black (Solanum nigrum) Cutleaf (S. frifforum)	Nutsedge: Purple (Cyperus rotundus)	Black (Quercus velutina) Blackjack (Q. marilandica) Blue (Q. douglasti) Gambel (Q. gambelti) Interior live (Q. wislizenti) Post (Q. stellada) Scrub (Q. dumosa) Shinnery (Q. havardi)

Susceptibility of common weeds to control by 2,4-D, MCPA, 2,4,5-T, silver, and 2,4-DB—Continued

	2,4-DB	Poor. None. Excellent. Good. None. Excellent. Do. Do. Do. Do. None. Excellent. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do	
	Silvex	Fair Fair Excellent Good Excellent  Good Excellent  Fair  Good Excellent  Fair  Fair  Fair  Facellent  Good	
Control 1	2,4,5-T <sup>2</sup>	Poor Good Good Good Good Good Excellent Good Excellent Good Excellent Good Good Fair Good Fair Good Good Good Good Good Good Good Goo	
	MCPA	None Poor Excellent.  Excellent.  Excellent.  Excellent.  Excellent.  Excellent.  Good  Good  Good  Fair.  Poor	
	2,4-D	Fair.  Good.  Good.  Good.  Good.  Good.  Fair.  Good.  None.  Excellent.  Good.  Fair.  Good.  Excellent.  Excellent.  Good.  Good.  Fair.  Good.  Good.  Fair.  Good.  Good.  Fair.  Good.  Good.  Fair.  Good.  Good.  Good.  Fair. do.	
Type of plant	•	Woody	
Plant name		Oak—Continued Turbinella (Q. turbinella) White (Q. alba) Onion, wild (Allium canadense) Orache (Atriplex hastala) Osage-orange (Maclura pomitera) Parsipy, desert (Lomatium grayi) Parsipy, wild (Pastinaca sativa) Partridgepea (Cassia fasciculata) Passionflower, Maypop (Passifora incarnata) Penytoress, field (Thlaspi arrense) Pennytoress, field (Lepidium campestre) Pepperweed: Field (Lepidium campestre) Persimmon (Listyfolium) Virginia (L. prigfolium) Virginia (L. prigfolium) Virginia (L. prigfolium) Persimmon (Diospyros virginiana) Persimmon (Diospyros virginiana) Piweed: Prostrate (Amaranthus graecizans) Rough (A. retroflexus) Pineappleweed (Matricaria matricarioides) Plantain: Blackseed (Plantago rugelii) Broadleaf (P. major) Broadleaf (P. major) Broson-osk (Rhus radicans) Poison-osk (Rhus diversiloba)	

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Pokeweed (Phytolacca americana)  Pondweed (Potamogeton spp.)  Ponytoot (Dichondra repens)  Poortoe (Diodia teres)  Poppy, Roemer (Roemeria refracta)  Prickly-ash, Northern (Xanthoxylum ameri-	Pricklypear (Opuntia spp.)	Rabbitbrush: Gray (Chrysothamnus nauseosus) Yellow (C. viscidiflorus) Radish, wild (Raphanus raphanistrum)	Ragweed: Common (Ambrosia artemisifolia) Ciant (A. trifda)	Redbud (Cercis occidentalis) Redvine (Brunnichia cirrhosa) Redstem (Ammannia coccinea)	California (Rosa californica) Cherokee (R. laevigala) Macartney (R. bracteata) Multiflora (R. multiflora) Prairie (R. pratincola)	Bitter (Hymenoxys odorata)Bitter (Hymenoxys odorata)Rue, African (Peganum harmala)Sage: Creeping (Salvia sonomensis)Purple (S. leucophylla)

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Susceptibility of common weeds to control by 2,4-D, MOPA, 2,4,5-T, silvex, and 2,4-DB—Continued	control by 2,4-	D, MCPA,	2,4,5-T, silve	x, and 2,4- $L$	B—Continu	led
Plant name	Type of plant			Control 1		
		2,4-D	MCPA	2,4,5-T <sup>2</sup>	Silvex	2,4-DB
Sage—Continued White (S. apiana)	Perennial	Good	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
Baje (Artemisia tridentata)California (A. californica)Sand (A. filifolia)	Woody	Excellent	Poor	Good	Fair	None. Poor.
Salshy: Common (Tragopogon porrifolius)	Biennial	Good	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
Saltedow (1. praensis)Salted Tampers and Seduce Timbrolls (framensis diffrance)	Woody	Poor	None	Fair	Good	None.
Sesbania, coffeebean (Sesbania exaltata). Sorrel (Rumex acetosa)	Perennial	do	Good	Good	Excellent Fair	Fair. Do.
Heartwing $(R.\ hastatulus)$ Red $(R.\ acetosella)$	op	Excellent None	None	None	Poor	None.
Shepherdspurse (Capsella bursa-pastoris) Sicklepod, coffeeweed (Cassia tora) Skunkcabbage (Symplocarpus foetidus)	Annual do Perennial	Good Excellent Good	Good Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good.
Smartweed: Ladysthumb (Polygonum persicaria) Pennsylvania (P. pensylvanicum) Swamp (P. cocineum)	Annual	do do	Fair	op	Good Fair	Do. Do.
Snakeroot, white (Eupatorium rugosum)	op	Fair	1	Fair	Poor	
Broom (Gutierrezia sarothræ)Threadleaf (G. microcephala)	op	do	Fair	Good	Good	Poor.
Sneezeweed, bitter (Helenium tenuifolium) Snow-on-the-mountian (Euphorbia marginata) - Sowthistle	Annual	Excellent Fair	Excellent	Excellent Good	Excellent	Good. Fair.
Annual (Sonchus oleraceus)Perennial (S. arvensis)Spiny (S. asper)Spanishneedles (Bidens bipinnata)	Perennial Annual	Excellent  Fair  Excellent	Excellent Fair	Excellent Fair Excellent	Fair Excellent	Excellent. Fair. Excellent.

Speedwell: Common (Veronica officinalis) Corn (V. arvensis) Purslane (V. peregrina)	Perennial	Poor -do Fair	None	Nonedo	Poor	None. Do.
Spikerush (Eleocharis palustris)Spurge:	Perennial	op	Fair	Poor	Poor	Poor.
Flowering $(Euphorbia\ corollata)$	op	Poor	None.	Good	Fair	None.
Spotted (E. maculata)	Annual	op		op	Fair	
Spurry, corn (Spergula arvensis)	do	op	Fair	None	Fair	Do.
Starthistle, yellow (Centaurea solstitialis)	Annual	Fair		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	None.
Sticktight, European (Lappula echinata)	do	Good.	News	Design		ć
Strawberry, who (Fragaria spp.)Strawberry, who (Fragaria spp.)Str. Johnswort (Hupericum perforatum)	rerennal	r oordo	TAOHer	roor	F &II	D0.
Spotted (H. punctatum)	op	Fair	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Fair		
Sumpweed, rough (Iva ciliata)	Annual	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Sweetclover, annual yellow (Melilotus indica)	op	op	Excellent			Do.
Tanoak (Lithocarpus densifiora)	Woody	Poor.		Poor	Poor	Poor.
Tansy (Tanacetum vulgare)	Annual	Fair	None	Fair	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
Thistle:			1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
Blessed (Cnicus benedictus)	op	op			1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
Blue (Echium vulgare) $\frac{1}{2}$	Biennial	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fracilone	Free llon +
Buistly (C. horridulum)	Perennial 3	Fair.	Tyceneur.	Tycement	niiaiiaava	Excellent.
Canada (C. arvense)	Perennial	op-~-	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair.
Russian (Salsola kali)	Annual	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good.
Toadflax:			1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	ancenen	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
(Linaria	Perennial	Poor				;
Yellow (L. $vulgaris$ ) Town (Holomoles arbitifolis)	Woody	Good	None	None	None	None. Fair
Tree-of-heaven (Ailanthus altissima)	do	Fair	None	Excellent	Good	Poor.
Trumpet creeper (Campsis radicans)	op	Poor	do	Fair	Excellent	None.
Velvet-leaf (Abutilon theophrasti)	Annual	Excellent	Good	Good		Excellent.
Vervain: Blue (Verbena hastata)	Perennial	do	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1		
Hoary (V. stricta)	do	Good				
Frostrate $(V. oracleaua)$ Roadside $(V. bonariensis)$	do	Good	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
See footnotes at end of table.						

Susceptibility of common weeds to control by 2,4-D, MCPA, 2,4,5-T, silver, and 2,4-DB—Continued

Vetch: Narrowleaf (Vivia angustifolia)  Milk (Astragalus spp.)  Two grooved (X. bisulcatus)  Wild (Vivia spp.)  Violet (Viola spp.)  Wanut, black (Juglans nigra)  Waterhemlock, spotted (Civula maculala)  Waterhemlock, Eichhornia crassines)	Type of plant Annual Perennial Perennial Perennial Woody	Excellent Good Excellent Poor Poor Excellent Good Good Good Good Good Good Good Goo	MCPA Fair do None	Control 1 2,4,5-T 2 Excellent Good Excellent Excellent Good Good Good Good Good	Silvex Excellent Good	2,4-DB
	do d	Excellent Fair Good Good Good Good Fair Poor Fair Cood Fair Good Exacllent None	Excellent.   Good.     Good.   Good.     Excellent.   Excellent     Fair.   Good.     Poor.   Poor.     Good.   Good.     Good.   Good.	Good Good Fair Poor Fair Good -do Poor	do Good Excellent do Poor Fair do	Good.  Excellent.  None. Do. Fair. None.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For explanation of control ratings, see "Susceptibility Chart," page 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See limitation on use of 2,4,5-T, page 2. <sup>3</sup> Sometimes biennial.